

Subject: Re: Next City Council Committee re Dedication of Strip Lots
From: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Date: 11/29/2011 04:04 PM
To: Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org>
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Ok. Give me some suggestions. Certainly didn't mean to be condescending, just to speak to his dead pan "just the facts ma'mm style." I can take out the question mark. The quote was my verbalization of his position here. What else?

I just want to get him to think about this as something that really supports his positions. Instead, I think he's seeing it as another bunch of freeloaders coming in for a fee wavier freebe from the City. That's not us.

Thanks for the help!!

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 2:50 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:
I'm not crazy about the tone of the letter...it almost sounds a bit condescending (I absolutely know you are not trying to be). Maybe just a bit of rewording...instead of posing a question to him, maybe make the same point in a statement. The quote should be sourced too, if you are going to use it

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 2:14 PM, Jack Davis <jsdla@aol.com> wrote:
I think it is a very good and effective tool, Don. Thanks for taking the time. One minor suggestion...change "harnesses" to "harness" in the section towards the bottom in quotation marks.

Best,
Jack

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Thanks Nate... Just let us know when to be where.

I've been thinking about how best to approach Councilman Parks. I'm wondering if maybe we shouldn't couch his approval of our project fee wavier in a way that provides value to him and his agenda. I've

taken a stab at drafting something, which is attached. What do you guys think?

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 11:41 AM, Jruhlen916 <jruhlen916@aol.com> wrote:
I'm available to attend.

John

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Absolutely. I would like you, and John (if he's available and feels like it) to attend the BOE meeting.

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 11:34 AM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks Nate.

The Title Reports are in the process of being prepared by Lawyers Title. We'll see if we can get an estimated time of completion for you.

Would it be possible for me to attend your meeting with the guy from BOE? Given the extensive discussions that I've had with Anthony Munoz and his staff person assigned to this project (Kathleen Hughey) it might be a good communications enhancement strategy.

Thanks.

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 11:16 AM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Don et al.

Laura (our deputy chief of staff) and I are meeting with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) office tomorrow to discuss our options. They won't put our item on the Budget and Finance Cmte agenda until we hold this meeting. From there we go before the full City Council, hopefully before the end of the year. I am hopeful we will be successful in getting the City to cover all costs since we know we are getting a sweet deal. I'll email everyone tomorrow afternoon after our meeting and let you know how it went.

How are the Title Reports coming along? After our meeting tomorrow with the CLA I am going to set up meeting with the guy from the Bureau of Engineering Real Estate division who offered his assistance. We have to run these two issues on parallel tracks: 1) Fee Waivers 2) Strip Lot Dedications

Once we have a date set for Budget and Finance Committee, it would be helpful if we all contacted the councilmembers offices who sit on the committee and fill them in beforehand.

-Nate

On Tue, Nov 29, 2011 at 10:17 AM, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:
Good Morning Nate...

Any news yet on what the schedule is or whether or not Bill has been able to make any progress with Councilman Parks? Is there anything any of us locals can do to help? Thank you.

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